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REFORMS IN URBAN LAND CEILING
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether urban land ceiling has been removed in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has created a situation of land hoarding in urban areas leaving very less scope for dwelling units for needy persons on reasonable rate;

(d) if so, whether the Government is taking any measures to undertake reforms of urban land ceiling to unleash housing activity in the urban areas; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for providing easy credit in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. According to the information received from the State Governments, Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act has been repealed by the States/UTs of i) Assam, ii) Gujarat, iii) Haryana, iv) Karnataka, v) Madhya Pradesh, vi) Punjab, vii) Orissa, viii) Rajasthan, ix) Uttar Pradesh, x) NCT of Delhi, xi) Puducherry and xii) Chandigarh.

(c): No, Sir. No such instance has been reported.

(d): As the land is a State subject, State Governments are required to check the hoarding of land for speculation purposes through appropriate land development policies and proper enforcement of building bye-laws and procedures for sanction for building plans.

(e): The credit facilities are available from various banks and financial institutions.